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Haskett's sentencing postponed in dog abuse case

BY JODI STYNER MVG Staff

Sentencing has been delayed for Didsbury's Daniel Charles Haskett, charged with torturing his family dog last October.

Wednesday's sentencing hearing was postponed pending pre-sentence and psychiatric reports that were not yet completed.

Preparation of the documents were not ready because Haskett failed to meet with his probation officer and was late for his appointment with a psychiatrist, causing the delay, according to crown prosecutor Marta Juzwaik.



Daniel Haskett

hearing, 19-year-old Haskett told the court he had a job interview the day he was scheduled to meet with the probation officer.

Provincial Court Judge Ian Kirkpatrick told Haskett his priorities seem to be "mixed up."

Judge Kirkpatrick ordered \$1,000 no deposit bail with the conditions that Haskett report to the Didbsury RCMP detachment once a week and to his

probation officer as required

If he fails to attend those meetings, Haskett could be forced to pay the \$1,000 and Juzwaik said her office will seek his detainment awaiting sentencing.

Sentencing has been rescheduled for October 17 in

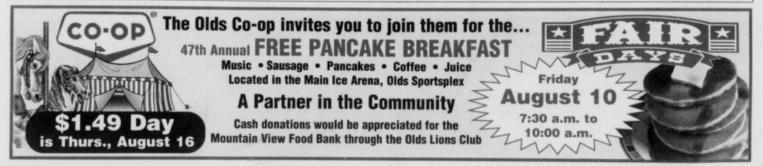
Sentencing has been rescheduled for October 17 in Didsbury Provincial Court, one year from when the crime was committed.

Haskett's lawyer Mark Takada said he hopes his client will receive a conditional sentence order, which would allow him to serve his sentence in the community.

Haskett pleaded guilty in May to animal cruelty for the torture of Daisy Duke, a lab-collie cross owned by his brother.



WINGS AND SOMBREROS - ALAS group member Daniel Romos (top right) is part of a Mexican youth leadership team visiting Didsbury, teaching Mexican customs and culture to Didsbury's youth while building his own leadership skills. For more coverage of the Kids Fiesta Time celebrations at Didsbury's Zion Church turn to page 7.



Permits to resolve overflow parking problem

Didsbury Revie

Didsbury Town Council has responded to residents who have voiced concerns over issues with Didsbury High School students parking in front of their residences

Council approved the recommendation for parking permits for residents of Mary Place, Walter Place, and portions of 16th avenue and 17th Avenue.

"It's the responsibility of Chinook's Edge to properly provide parking for their students," said Deputy Mayor Brian

When a school is developed or built they are not supposed to have a negative impact on the neighbourhood."

Which, according to council, hasn't been the case

Complaints have ranged from blocked driveways to students rolling waste bins out of the way for additional parking space, resulting in the residence not having their garbage picked up that week.

A similar permit system was issued in the neighbourhood of the former high school where six houses were affected,

Those parked on the affected streets during school hours that don't have a permit displayed in their windshield will be subject to a warning or fine

"We need to look after the needs of our residents," said Wittal, suggesting Chinook's Edge School Division look into providing additional parking space for students.

"There is plenty of land that is not being utilized that they can certainly do something with."

Chinook's Edge School Division Superintendent Jim Gibbons says it should be a joint venture.

"Looking at Sundre, the town has accommodated student parking themselves in a joint venture on town owned land,"

"But it also serves the public during farmers' market

Gibbons says finding the line becomes a challenge.

You could say the same thing about senior citizens halls or the arena, If the parking lot gets full, whose responsibility is it to handle the overflow?" he asked.

"Generally speaking, I think it's a joint responsibility."

Didsbury is a little bit unique in that the footprint for most of our high schools would be 20 acres and Didsbury is 15 acres. There isn't as much land there as there would normal-

The site was a tricky one because we had to acquire that land through purchase when normally the town would

allocate the reserve."

"We couldn't accommodate a lot more parking on site because we didn't get the size of property that we needed and that's a joint responsibility of the town too, because they are provide the reserve lands for the school."

But Gibbons says he sympathizes with residents blocked by overflow student parking.

"(Residents) need the areas in front of their driveways and curbs to park," said Gibbons.

While a busing system is in place for rural residents, Gibbons suggests students and parents of students that live in town consider whether or not they need to drive to school.

Council and the school board will continue dialogue on the

More cash for seniors' housing

BY FRANK DABBS

The province is stepping in to help rural seniors housing projects "grappling with rising construction and completion costs," Premier Ed Stelmach told a conference call with weekly newspapers last week.

Stelmach said his government will inject an additional \$25 million in "top-up" capital funding to help several Rural Affordable Supportive Living program (RASL) housing proj-

ects get across the finish line.

The money will ensure completion of RASL projects already approved.

Officials of the Seniors and Community Supports ministry will be working with project personnel to determine which projects require additional help and what they need.

Details will be nailed down in "the next few weeks" and announcements will follow across the province, ministry spokesperson Janice Schroeder said

The RASL program was launched in 2005, and in its first

round some 6,300 seniors housing units were completed in 30

The program enables seniors with special health care needs require hospitalization to continue living in a residential environment with extra support and services for as many years as possible, instead of having to move into long-term care facilities.

Since 1999, the province has invested \$160 million in 21,000 affordable seniors housing units, including the RASL projects. The other funding programs included in that number are the

Seniors Supportive Housing and Healthy Aging Partnership incentives

The Premier also told the conference call that his government is also preparing to invest more dollars in capital spending to increase the number of units, although he gave no date for a start to that spending.

Carstairs and Innisfail are among the 30 communities with RASL housing units built in the first round of the program.



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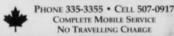
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Beverage Container Collection System: is the number of existing bottle depots in options be considered? Exemption of Milk Containers: should milk containers be included in the deposit

refund system? Deposit Levels: should the existing deposit levels be raised? Should there be only one

deposit level for all containers? Should large or oversize containers (i.e. 15-litre water bottles) have a much higher deposit level?

Unredeemed Deposits: should manage from the manufacturer to the Delegated Administrative Organization (currently the Beverage Container Management Board), or should manufacturers continue to manage these funds? Should the regulation stipulate how these deposits may be used?

Service Quality: what direction should be given to the Delegated Administrative Organization respecting the administration of standards included in the bylawa? Si be a specific enforcement clause to deal with service quality?

Two Common Collection Agents: Should the number of cor ndled in the bylaws and not prescribed in the Regulation?

Other issues that may arise

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Tornado troubles risk to area

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

With a tornado touching down in Crossfield two weeks ago, and tornado warnings in the Carstairs to Olds area three weeks ago, some locals have wondered about Didsbury

Director of Disaster Services for the Town of Didsbury Bob Wright, along with three local police officers have completed training and are fully certified to identify extreme weather conditions, including the presence of a tornado, which is then phoned in to a provincial call station in Edmonton, which broadcasts emergency weather arnings across the television and radio.

Wright uses a code to prove his phone call is legitimate, but officials still check their readings to ensure the report is accurate before placing the long-range broadcast.

Wright says it's important that locals fol-low the instructions that are accompanied by the emergency broadcast.
"The emergency public warning system

will usually give you guidelines or what to do," he said.

Wright says, typically it's wise to find lower ground if you're caught outside in a tornado, or take shelter in the basement underneath stairs if you're inside. Emergency public warnings are also used

for gas clogs, well leaks, and other weatherrelated emergencies

Having people in place to make calls and spread the word of a tornado occurrence is

more welcoming to these conditions "The Crossfield-Carstairs-Didsbury-Olds area comprises the southern part of Hailstorm Alley, so it is more prone to severe weather than many other parts of the province," CFCN meteorologist Steve Rothfels told the Review

Rothfels shed some light on why weather conditions this summer have been more

welcoming to the potential of a tornado.

"It is the weather situation on any particular day that will lead to the development of severe weather," he said. "So far this sumwith temperatures on the warm side, and more humid air than usual, severe veather has been more likely."

There are a few telltale signs that a tornado may be on its way said Rothfels

"To begin with, warm and humid condi-tions in the morning are a good start . If clouds develop beyond the towering cumulus stage, watch for thunder and lightening in approaching cumulonimbus (storm) clouds. There may be streaks of white between the cloud base and the ground, indicating hail," he said.

"If the cloud has an orangey or greenish tinge, it indicates very high humidity and good potential for hail or funnels to develop. And lastly, any counter-clockwise rota-tion in a cloud cell is a precursor to a funnel and possible tornado. This is a good time to head off the field and get under cover hopefully the basement of a solid foundation home



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The aftermath of a tomado that ripped through Pine Lake in July 2000

When a tornado threatens:

1. Take shelter immediately, if available, preferably in the lower level of a sturdy

2. Stay away from windows, doors and exterior walls. Flying glass is extremely dangerous.

3. Don't waste time opening windows to keep pressure from building up in the house. It's unlikely to help anyway.

4. Outdoors, with no shelter available, lie flat in a ditch, ravine or other low-lying and shield your head with your arm

Don't get caught in a vehicle or mobile home, which the tornado can lift. Take shelter elsewhere or, if none is available, even a ditch offers better protection. Choose a location where your vehicle won't be hurled or rolled on top of you.

More than half of tornado deaths occur in mobile homes. If you live in a mobile home, it is wise to identify a nearby sturdy shelter well in advance, and go to that when a shelter severe storm approaching.

Beware of flying debris. Even small objects such as sticks and straw can become lethal missiles.

In heavy rain, be on the look out for flash floods.

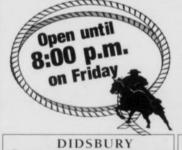
8. When swimming or boating, always head to shore at the first sight of a storm.

Remember that damaged weakened structures, fallen debris, downed electrical wires, and gas leaks are potential dangers after a storm has pas Environment Canada

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Opinion

Commentary Pit bulls are modern accessories



JOSH SKAPIN

In my meeting with Didsbury RCMP for the weekly police briefs section of our paper, I learned that an aggressive pit bull was at large in town.

For many people, hearing the breed name pit bull immediately

brings some unease.

In Ontario, they were so uncomfortable with the presence of pit bulls that the dogs have been blackballed from the province.

For decades, people tended to fall on two sides of the debate: is it nature or nurture?

Are pit bulls dogs that are born ready and willing to cause humans bodily harm, or are they brought up in an environment where they are encouraged to be sparking, snapping live wires?

Personally, I have not had any lengthy experiences with the breed.

A few years ago, I took my dog, a schnoodle (is that an intimidating breed name or what?) to the veterinarian's office.

As we sat, waiting our turn, a gentleman and his pit bull checked in with the receptionist and sat a chair or two down from us.

I have to admit, just thinking about the social status of these pooches, I was nervous.

My four-legged friend wasn't. Unless it was a female, almost out of jealous instinct, any dog sitting nearby received the wrath of my pint-sized companion's nervous growls.

While the pit bull looked over at my schnoodle, he seemed disinterested.

However, I scooped him into my arms, apologized to the owner and scampered to the opposite end of the room.

If my dog was giving the hairy eyeball to a cocker spaniel, I probably wouldn't have been so quick to respond.

For that, I felt guilty.

While I have little evidence to support my claim, I don't think God or whatever creative being you believe in, would make something evil. And that's the way anti-pit bull folk portray the breed - that at any given moment, these dogs would be happy to send even their loving owner to the emergency room.

In national news, NFL quarterback Michael Vick is facing a federal indictment for his role in a dog fighting ring.

Guess which breed was popular with his league? It seems that the degenerates that are dog fighting fans tend to foam at the mouth watching two pit bulls rip each other to pieces rather than miniature

poodles.

Just like in the sixties when wearing a leather jacket meant you weren't someone to mess with, pit bulls have become that modern accessory.

And that's the sad part.

Pit bulls are the poster child for dangerous domestic animals, and it's not because of their genetic makeup, their infamy continues because of the violent people that want a companion that is just as nasty as they are.

Attitudes will change when people start treating these dogs like pets rather than weapons.



Commentary

Alberta's prosperity transforms Canada's economy



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Economic power has shifted to the West, with Alberta playing a key role in this fundamental trans-

formation of the Canadian economy.

Even people outside the West have started to twig on this. It's about time.

In recent years, Alberta has led the country on most traditional economic measurements.

Alberta's rate of real economic growth was more than double the national rate in 2006. It accounted for 30 per cent of Canada's economic growth and 27 per cent of all new jobs—impressive for a province that has about 10 per cent of Canada's total population.

Canada's total population.

Last year, the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita was \$68,600 (current dollars)—\$24,900 higher than Ontario and \$31,600 higher than Quebec.

But, the old adage "too much of a good thing" could be applied here. The Canada West Foundation says

The Canada West Foundation says that another year of real growth approaching seven per cent is highly unlikely. Furthermore, growth rates of this magnitude are arguably detrimental in the long-term, given the resulting strains on infrastructure, housing shortages, and environmental degradation.

Downshifting to a more sustain-

able rate of growth is not a bad thing at all.

The good times will certainly go on. The Canada West Foundation is forecasting real growth of 4.2 per cent for 2007 and 3.9 per cent for

cent for 2007 and 3.9 per cent for 2008, which is nothing to sneeze at. Likely the province will continue

to outperform the nation.

However, rapid growth brings its own challenges.

own challenges.

Businesses are dealing with cost pressures and acute labour shortages. Provincial and municipal governments are struggling with an insatiable demand for infrastructure and public services.

It's easy to get complacent when times are good, but Alberta needs to set itself up to avoid the boom and bust cycles it has gone through in the past.

Long-term economic stability and prosperity require a more diversified economy and less reliance on the traditional energy sector.

The time to take bold steps is now, when times are good.

Albertans ought to do better than strive for more of the same.

The Alberta government has taken

The Alberta government has taken positive steps on the diversification front.

It established the Value-Added and Technology Commercialization Task Force to build on the province's base of research activity, value-added and technology companies, and promote technology commercialization.

It has used its resource wealth to create the Alberta Ingenuity Fund to

support science and engineering research in areas that will enhance the economy.

While these are encouraging, more aggressive action is needed.

Development of Alberta's oilsands has implications for the environment that cannot be ignored.

Greenhouse gas emissions, water use and impact on the land are big issues.

Global energy demand is not going down and oil and gas will continue to be vital energy sources for the foreseeable future. But Alberta would be well advised to prepare for the time when hydrocarbons are not the only game in town by taking serious steps to become a world leader in energy conservation research and alternative energy development.

The province's recently-released Alberta's Integrated Energy Vision addresses diversity of energy resources, innovation, and environmentally responsible energy development.

The government has allocated \$200 million to the new Energy Innovation Fun to support energy development and environmental protection.

These are encouraging developments yet much more can and should be done.

Alberta has the right spirit, the right people and the wealth to do great things. There is no better time than now.

Brett Gartner is an economist with the Canada West Foundation.

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Sutherland hits the beat in new role

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Revie

It's been just over a month and a half since Peace Officer Derek Sutherland began patrolling Didsbury, and those days

Sutherland takes over the role following the passing of Special Constable Greg Hnatiuk in April.

"Those are big shoes to fill," said Sutherland.

"I am just trying to gain as good of a reputation as he had."

Sutherland has received direction from Didsbury Town Council to be responsible for a variety of areas including traffic violations, speed enforcement, the two-hour downtown parking initiative and the animal enforcement bylaw, among

Sutherland says the downtown two-hour parking rule was identified as an issue when he first started, and he has spent time monitoring the area.

'I really haven't found that people have been bad about abusing the two-hour parking. I have written a few tickets, but nothing too serious," he said.

But when it comes to watching heavy-footed drivers,



areas of town that he will be focusing on.

The big ones will always be playground zones this time of year," said Sutherland, who works a 35hour week, with a diverse schedule including evenings and weekends.

"Some playground zones are worse than others."

Sutherland says the playground on 23rd street has been noted as a trouble area.

I am a little bit concerned about that one. There seems to be a lot of speed in that area."

Sutherland says for certain areas he will be focusing on

education, rather than immediate enforcement

Right now I am giving out quite a few traffic violation tick-

"But I am also giving out a lot of traffic violation warnings

"My main focus right now is getting people to slow down

and a strong enforcement program is a really effective way of

getting people to slow down."
"I haven't issued any violation notices on those, but have been able to have some effective communication with property owners in getting that cleaned up," he said.

Sutherland says the town's recently passed, dog and cat enforcement bylaws are something he will be keeping an eye

Sutherland said he has been told council is concerned about the number of dogs running at large.

The number of people that see dogs off leash, and dogs running through their yards with no owners around, I want to try and curb that," he said

If Sutherland is successful at keeping dogs in the posses on of their owners, it should drop the number of aggressive interactions

"I'm concerned about the number of dog bites," he said.

Since starting duty June 18, Sutherland has dealt with four dog bites in town.

Sutherland has a diploma in policing, and a resume that includes work as a firefighter, in security, and as a park



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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (August 10, 2007)

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday August 22, 2007—Council Chambers at 4:30 pm

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, September 10, 2007—Council Chambers at 10:00 am

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

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The Community Services Board for the Town of Didsbury will include: one high school, university or college student; one member of the senior citizen community; and two members-at-large of the Didsbury community and one representative of Didsbury Town Council.

Successful board members would be appointed by Didsbury Town Council to a twoyear term. It is anticipated that the Community Services Board would meet once monthly in the evenings.

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MEDALIST - Muriel Hoeft did Didsburians proud bringing home a bronze medal for golfing in the 75 plus Ladies Low Gross in this year's Alberta Senior Games, held in Fort Saskatchewan July 26-29. This isn't Hoeft's first time medalling, she has also won five gold and three silver medals in bowling, golfing and arts and crafts in previous games.

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Senior Games winners reflect on competition

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Revie

Five athletes from Didsbury took part in the Alberta Senior Games in Fort Saskatchewan July 26-29.

With it being the summer games, events took place outdoors

and away from any fans or air conditioning.

Temperatures were scorching and seniors felt the heat.

"It was awful hot," said Didsbury's Louis Pride, a pitcher with the fourth place Zone 2 75+ Slow-pitch squad.

Muriel Hoeft, 79, the lone Didsbury representative to medal, taking home bronze in the 75+ Ladies' Low Gross event, also became familiar with the heat out on greens.

It was very hot, it was 34 (degrees Celsius) one day," she said. But event organizers did what they could to make participants omfortable.

"They were good," said Hoeft. "Every half an hour (volunteers) came around with bottled water. They kept us very well

Hoeft has a lengthy tradition of success during her nine-year reign at the game

The local golf guru shrugs off her bronze medal win, as not one of her better outings.

She said the course was challenging, especially the greens that were much quicker in comparison to the ones she regularly plays in Didsbury.

"It goes with the territory," she chuckles. "You can't always

have what you get at home."

But this year's bronze medal adds to an impressive bundle of honours that include five gold medals and three silver medals at the Alberta seniors games, and two gold medals at the Canada eniors games. Hoeft has been honing her craft for 30 years, and when asked

how much time she spends at the course, she laughs.

"Four or five times a week."

Overall the games offer the blend of a competitive-social envi-

ronment that continues to attract seniors to the event

This year was Pride's third straight appearance at the games. While the schedule saw his group face veteran city teams, Pride's team faired well and enjoyed their time at the games. "It was exciting and we had a lot of fun," said Pride.

Other Didsbury competitors include Stephen Nielsen compet-

ing in the 65+ Men's Low Gross event finishing fifth overall with a score of 170, and William Fedyk and Adeline Fedyk, representing Zone 2 in 70+ Four Player Bocce, finished eighth.



TASTY TRADITION - Learning about birthdays in Mexico is a treat for Emily Nussbaum who had her face shoved in a piece of birthday cake. The tradition of Mordida (Spanish for bite) is to try to grab a fast bite of cake before friends shove your face in it. Although most Mexicans know the tradition it was a delicious surprise for Nussbaum.



(Top) Lead by Shelli Neufeld, the ALAS group is visiting Didsbury to gain leadership skills. "We are giving wings to leaders here," said Neufeld.

FOOTBALL PINATA -

Kids Fiesta Time participants take part combining two of Mexico's favourite games playing with a pinata football

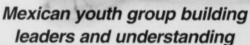


Didsbury

song v Neufeld, with

Ramirez

the Zion gym. FIESTA FLARE - National level dance champion Cynthia Romo spins in her traditional Mexican atire.



BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

Those walking or driving down Main Street in Didsbury July 29, couldn't help but stop and look or honk their horns in appreciation.

A gathering of young Mexican women in white dress shirts and vibrant coloured long skirts waved at passersby, while an acclaimed brother and sister dance team kicked up their heels to a hightempo beat.

a precursor to the week that would follow, in the background, Greg Neufeld of Didsbury and his wife Shelli Neufeld of Sundre watched as their project blos-

somed to life.

While natives of the area, the Neufelds have spent the last eight years residing in Hermosillo

Their purpose for the change in address was to work with youth.

The group they oversee, which started with very modest numbers now totals at 20 between the ages of 13 and 21.

With hopes of helping their pro-tégés, called the ALAS group, develop long-lasting leadership skills, 15 members of the youth group boarded a van, and between

July 26 and August 15 spent their mornings in what was called Kids Fiesta Time at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Church Didsbury.

Much of their time was com-mitted to teaching Didsbury youth about the culture, through song. dance, food, games, and Bible scriptures.

While many of them understand and have at least a begin knowledge English, David (pro-nounced Da-veed) Saubeba, 18, is the most skilled speaker of the team.

David, who had visited Didsbury on a previous trip with the Neufelds said it was important for he and the others to make the trip.

"God called us here," he said. "We came here to provide outreach to the kids."

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31-32 AUGUST 15, 2007 - Lone Pine 24th Annual Bench Fair. Exhibits accepted August 14 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and August 15 from 8 - 9:45 a.m. Viewing of the exhibits from 7:00 - 8:30 on August 15. For more info 335-4190 or 337-2065.

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"The whole concept is, all along they have been asked to take on different leadership roles."

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In a way, David and the other visitors are representing their country, which is something they take pride in.

"There are some people who see Mexican people as your typical lazy guy. Always drunk, with a hat on, and sleep-

ing." David's expression turns scribe.
"That's really sad because that's not

The fifteen that qualified for the trip had to pass an interview process administered by the Neufelds.

'We didn't want anyone that just wanted to come for a vacation," she said. "This trip is for a purpose."

"The whole concept is, all along they have been asked to take on different lead-ership roles," said Shelli. But they have also had the chance to

play the part of tourist, spending time at West Edmonton Mall, horseback riding in Sundre, and for many, a new experience, attempting to skate at the Olympic Oval in Calgary.

"They were holding those chairs and they fell on the ice," laughs David. Since arriving in Didsbury, Shelly summed up the schedules of the Mexican

visitors with one word - busy

After opening their stay with a welcoming barbecue, the group wasted little time getting down to busines

The next morning the Mexican youth erviced the underprivileged with work at Mustard Seed in Calgary

"We served the people who came for the evening meals. We cut up chicken, organized their pantry and did whatever could do," said Shelli.

Shelli says the reaction from youth in Didsbuy has been positive.

'We almost can't get rid of them.

The visitors were sent on a scavenger hunt where they had to find a number of items around town including a doily.
"They don't know what the word doily is

because it was written in English, so they had to ask someone what it was and figure it out from there."

"The Canadian youth ask 'can we go on that with them?" They are really enjoying

Jessica Steckley of Carstairs is hosting one of the Mexican youth during their stay. "It's been interesting. She knows a little

bit of English, so you do a lot of gesturing, and find other ways to show her things.



"They don't like to ask you for a lot of things, and they are very polite

The Mexican youth group stayed at rural residences east and west of Didsbury, but many resided in town.

David will not be returning to Mexico with the others, and will stay in Didsbury for an extended period, working as a vol-

unteer in various capacities.

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GREETINGS - Learning from each other: Daniel leans a handshake from Talson Neufeld; while Cynthia teaches Mexico's customary



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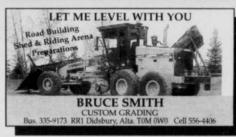


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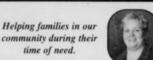
A wallet was turned in to police. After making follow-up

calls the wallet was who misplaced it on the side of

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false alarm and that renova tions triggered the alarm.

Two members responded, mergency lights were emergency lights were activated and the call was considered high priority. Business owners need to ensure the alarm companies are aware that they are doing modifications, so when these types of alarms come in, they know about them as being said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Kevin Fisher.

RCMP responded to a complaint by a person driving a semi-truck and a property representative at a nearby acreage in Mountain View There was a property dispute that ended without

harges or arrests.
RCMP responded to a call from a driver on Hwy.2 where it was reported that a motorist, accompanied by a child was in a frantic state at the side of the

Members responded imme diately, however the vehicle vas not located. RCMP responded to a com-

plaint of a pitbull running at large at the elementary school Didsbury. The dog was scribed by the complainant in Didsbury. as barking and aggressive.

The dog was picked up by police and later returned to its

Members responded to a 911 call reporting a collision between a car and cattle on Hwy 22. One individual was treated for minor injuries, and two cattle were found dead.

No charges were laid.

Members responded to a complaint of an impaired driver with a young child in the The vehicle was not ocated and there was no further investigation.

A constable was on patrol when he observed a driver not wearing a seatbelt. When the member stopped

The driver was subsequently

arrested, and later provided a sample when he was deemed

The driver was charged with driving over the .08 blood alco-hol limit and impaired driving.

RCMP responded to a complaint by a Water Valley resident that believed an individual was shooting coyotes from a parked vehicle.

The vehicle was not found. RCMP members were on patrol in Carstairs when they noticed an individual become combative with another individual in front of a combative Carstairs liquor store.

One individual was arrested for public intoxication and disturbing the peace.

July 22

RCMP responded to an alarm at the Didsbury Bottle Depot, later called off by a property representative reporting it to be false. July 23

responded to a Police domestic dispute in Didsbury

An unknown individual entered the backyard of a property on 20th avenue in Didsbury and vandalized

RCMP responded to a motor collision involving a deer on Hwy. 582

There were no reported injuries to the occupant, but damages to the vehicles were above \$1,000. The deer died as a result of the impact. RCMP responded to

domestic incident in Didsbury No criminal activity was found, no charges were laid.

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Family home, Large lot, 65x318', 3 bdrm, plus 2 car garage, beautiful mature trees



CARSTAIRS \$179,900

1200+ sq. ft. modular on large owned lot, dbl detached garage, garden plot & shed.



ADULT DUPLEX \$304,900

Exclusive 45 plus area close to the hospital. Brand new 2 bdrm duplex with over 1191 sq'.



FAMILY HOME \$365,900

Carstairs - this is a 1335 sq. ft. 5 bedroom fully finished



STARTER HOME

\$239,900 sq. ft. 3 bdrm home, new windows, siding and styrofoam basement.



ADULT DUPLEX \$305,000

Exclusive 1220 sq. ft. duplex in 45 plus area. 1 bdrms with den, main floor laundry.



LARGE PIE LOT \$379,000

Built in 2006 this open floor plan has 1277 sq' w/5 bdrm and fully developed basement.



FAMILY HOME \$259,900

3 bdrms, fully finished, 1075 sq. ft. Backs onto park, Rv parking, 2 sheds, open floor plan, quiet street.



JUST LISTED

Calgary quiet crescent, bedrooms, 1166 sq. ft. with double detached garage, beautiful hardwood & new laminate.



NEW HOME \$429,000

75 Westpoint Drive. 4 bed, hardwood, fireplace, fully developed basement



NEW LISTING \$279,900

50 plus adult living, garage, 2 bedroom, college green.



Remember August 11 to come to the James Carpenter stage to SEE Patricia Conroy and Friends



LAKE PROPERTY

\$539,000

Executive Lake Property - Olds. Walkout basement. Prime location. Shows 100%. 19 Lake Ridge Rd.



SE CALGARY \$289,500

1051 sq. ft. condo, 2 bdrms, main floor unit. Watch for fireworks from your sundeck.



ADULT DUPLEX \$314,900

Exclusive 2 bdrm duplex over 1191 sq' in a 45 plus area, with a fully developed basement.



COMMERCIAL LISTING \$349,900

Shop in Carstairs, 4280 sq. ft. Commercial building, Divided in two units.



NEW CONSTRUCTION

\$282,900

136 sq. ft. bi-level, upgraded carpet, 9 ft. ceilings, spectacular finishing!



QUIET CRESCENT

\$314,900 Open floor plan, backs onto park, oversized detached garage



LIGHT INDUSTRIAL LOTS

at \$149,000/acre



NEW CONSTRUCTION

\$288,900 1136 sq. ft., 4 bedroo bathrooms, clear view of the pond near Rosebud River



CARSTAIRS \$324,900

Carriage Lane Way, 3 bedrooms 1214 sq. ft., double attached garage, beautiful new construction in the family home.



NEW LISTING

\$449,000

Quarter Section Hay land, rolling hills. Good building site.



READY SEPT \$294,900

Rose Bud Valley cul-de-sac with a new bi-level 3 bdrm 1195 sq', rounded corners, iron railings



ROSE BUD VALLEY

\$327,500 1191sq.ft. 3 bedroom new home being built on a corner lot in a cul - de -sac by Rose Bud Creek



TANGLEWOOD ACRES

\$599,900

2.9 acres, Bungalow style home, 2 minutes south of Didsbury, with a triple car garage.



ADULT DUPLEX

\$292,000
2 bedrooms, 1116 sq. ft. full basement, hardwood floors, lots of cabinets, with a single attached garage, and fully landscaped.



CARSTAIRS \$349,900

Single family dwelling, 3 bedroom, double attached front garage, over 1200 sq. ft.



ACREAGE \$599,900

1300+ sq. ft., 3 bdrm home on 15 acres, barn, corrals, quonset, hayland. SE of Didsbury.

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